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SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANCE OF LIST OF 1000 CONVICTED DETAINEES

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1. NALEGACH STATES LIST OF 1000 (ACTUAL NUMBER IS 875, ACCORDING TO THOSE WHO HAVE COUNTED IT) WAS PREPARED BY COMAR WITH INFORMAL ASSISTANCE OF GOC, WHICH PROVIDED MOST OF INFORMATION. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO NALEGACH, WHILE LIST HAS NO "OFFICIAL" STANDING WITH GOC, GOVT IS AWARE OF IT AND INFORMALLY APPROVES OF COMAR CIRCULATING IT. EVENTUAL END RESULT, FROM NALEGACH'S POINT OF VIEW, WOULD BE ACCEPTANCE BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF ALL NAMES ON LIST, AFTER WHICH GOC WOULD BE INFORMED SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR RELEASE. FYI NALEGACH COMMENTED THAT COMAR IS PRESENTLY PREPARING A "SUPPLEMENTARY" LIST OF SOME 100 MORE "CONDENADOS", WHICH WILL ALSO BE CIRCULATED TO VARIOUS FOREIGN EMBASSIES HERE.

2. NALEGACH FULLY EXPECTS GOC TO RELEASE AND EXILE ALL NAMES ON LIST. WHEN THIS WOULD HAPPEN IS NOT CLEAR, BUT PRESUMABLY AFTER CATEGORY I (PERSONS DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE) RELEASE ROGRAM IS FURTHER ALONG THAN IT IS NOW, AND AFTER THIRD
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COUNTRY ACCEPTANCES FOR MANY OR MOST ON LIST(S) HAVE BEEN

OBTAINED. NALEGACH CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT MECHANISM GOC WILL USE FOR RELEASE WILL BE COMMUTATION OF JAIL SENTENCES INTO OVERSEAS EXILE, ALTHOUGH NECESSARY DECREE REPORTED IN REF B HAS NOT YET BEEN ISSUED. COMMENT: GOC IS ON RECORD AS STATING THAT AFTER RELEASE OF CATEGORY I DETAINEES THERE WILL BE A "SECOND PHASE" WHICH WILL INCLUDE PERSONS ALREADY CONVICTED OF SECURITY OFFENSES AND SERVING SENTENCES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REAL READING OF GOC'S SPECIFIC INTENTIONS CONCERNING THIS LIST, I.E. WHETHER GOC WILL ACTUALLY AGREE TO RELEASE OF ANY PERSON ON IT IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER ANOTHER COUNTRY IS WILLING TO RECEIVE HIM. NOR HAS NALEGACH ADDRESSED QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO IF PERSONS ON LIST DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO EXILE. END COMMENT.

3. NALEGACH SAID COMAR HAS PLACED NO RESTRICTIONS WHATSOEVER ON USE OF LIST IN REPLYING TO INQUIRIES ABOUT STATUS OF DETAINED CHILEAN NATIONALS. FURTHER, HE VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATA, WHICH HE HAS FOR MOST OF PERSONS ON LIST, IN RESPONSE TO INDIVIDUAL INQUIRIES.

4. WE CANNOT VOUCH FOR TOTAL ACCURACY OF LIST, BUT BELIEVE DEPT COULD APPROPRIATELY USE IT WITH PUBLIC IN CHECKING NAMES OF PERSONS DETAINED OR SENTENCED. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE HAZARDOUS AT THIS STAGE TO USE IT AS INDICATION THAT PERSON LISTED WOULD OR PROBABLY WOULD BE RELEASED. MOST WE COULD SAY IS THAT PERSON ON IT MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE IN SECOND PHASE OF PROGRAM.

5. IT STRIKES US THAT NALEGACH'S OFFER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATA FOR PERSONS ON LIST IN RESPONSE INDIVIDUAL INQUIRES COULD PROVIDE ONE WAY OF DEFLECTING PART OF FLOOD OF INQUIRES DEPT AND EMBASSY ARE RECEIVING ABOUT CHILEAN NATIONALS DETAINED IN CHILE. NALEGACH'S ADDRESS IS: COMISION NACIONAL DE REFUGIADOS, RICARDO LYON 565, SANTIAGO. OFFICE TELEPHONE IS 230-535.
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